

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:**

On page 1, insert between the title and the first paragraph.

This application is the national stage of PCT/EP02/01893 filed on February 22, 2002 and also claims Paris Convention priority of DE 101 24 564.5 filed on May 14, 2001.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.**

On page 2, insert as a title prior to the first paragraph

**-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.**

Replace the first paragraph of page two as follows --

This object is achieved according to the invention by a method having the features of the independent claim --.

On page 3 insert the following prior to the last paragraph --

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING**

The sole figure shows a schematic block diagram of the positive displacement pump and internal combustion engine in accordance with the invention

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT --.**